REMARKS

The present application is being filed as a continuation of the parent application, United States Patent Application No. 09/709,785, filed November 3, 2000, allowed. In the present Amendment, applicants respectfully request that claims 1-22, 37-67, 72-82 and 84-91 be withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

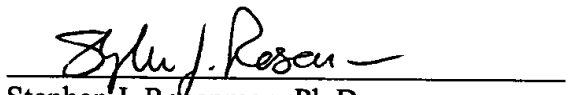
The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne N. Murphy et al.

SEED Intellectual Property Law Group PLLC



Stephen J. Rosenman, Ph.D.
Registration No. 43,058

SJR:kw

701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6300
Seattle, Washington 98104-7092
Phone: (206) 622-4900
Fax: (206) 682-6031

C:\NrPortbl\iManage\KARENWILL\423220_1.DOC